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Women with Breastfeeding Category Changes

Overview

Introduction

Breastfeeding information must be collected and updated at every WIC contact. When the breastfeeding category changes the following steps must be completed to successfully document the information.

Policy

If ...	Then ...
A woman stops breastfeeding <u>before</u> 6 months postpartum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a new nutrition interview for the infant and respond “No” to the question, “Is the infant currently breastfeeding?”• A no response will automatically change the participant category for the breastfeeding mother (change to not breastfeeding or terminated).• The nutrition interview questions will change from Nutrition Practices Breastfeeding to Not Breastfeeding.• Change the breastfeeding description field to No Longer BF and answer all applicable breastfeeding questions.• Update the infant’s and mother’s food packages as appropriate.

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If ...	Then ...
A woman previously certified as not breastfeeding returns as breastfeeding before 6 months postpartum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new nutrition interview for the infant, and select the Change BF info button. • The button will trigger a pop-up box indicating that the interview questions will change from not breastfeeding to breastfeeding. • Select yes to the pop-up. • Answer all applicable breastfeeding questions and change the breastfeeding description field. • Access the certification panel and create a new termination record for the mother with an effective date of today. • Under the application panel select New to create a new application. • Access the participant category panel and create a new category record (breastfeeding) for the participant. • Continue the certification process for the mother. • Update infant's and mother's food package as appropriate.

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If ...	Then ...
A woman stops breastfeeding <u>after</u> 6 months postpartum and was Fully Breastfeeding or Partially Breastfeeding within Range ($\leq \frac{1}{2}$ formula food package)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new nutrition interview for the infant and respond “No” to the questions, “Is the infant currently breastfeeding?” • A no response will automatically change the participant category for the breastfeeding mother (change to not breastfeeding or terminated). • The nutrition interview questions will change from Nutrition Practices Breastfeeding to Not Breastfeeding. • Change the breastfeeding description field to No Longer BF and answer all applicable breastfeeding questions. • Update the infant’s food packages as appropriate. • Do not issue any new benefits to the mother and retrieve any future benefits that were already issued.

After 6 Months Postpartum and Partially Breastfeeding Out of Range (>1/2 Formula Food Package)

Policy	Breastfeeding mothers whose infants receive more than half of the WIC formula package after the age of 6 months will no longer receive food benefits. However, these women continue to be Active participants and should receive nutrition services, including nutrition counseling, education and referrals. If the woman stops breastfeeding after 6 months postpartum, terminate her from the program as a New Today termination because she is no longer categorically eligible. See Policy 215.30 for more information about this procedure.
Infant's record	The infant's record must be updated including the breastfeeding history status and food package.
Mom's benefits	Since mom was previously no longer eligible for food benefits, then she is not eligible to receive one last month of benefits.
